



## ACE ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH LC CALL FOR OUTSTANDING THESES & DISSERTATIONS

**DEADLINE: 11:59 p.m. Eastern Friday, Feb. 18, 2022**  
**Submit to: Garrett Steede at ([gsteede@umn.edu](mailto:gsteede@umn.edu))**

The Association for Communication Excellence Research and Academic Programs Learning Community is pleased to announce the call for outstanding theses and dissertations focused on research related to communications in agriculture and/or natural resources. This graduate student competition is designed to recognize the outstanding work completed by graduate students during the previous calendar year. Each institution is eligible to submit up to one outstanding thesis and one outstanding dissertation nominee each year. The outstanding thesis and dissertation awards will be presented at the **2022 ACE Conference (held in Kansas City, MO) June 12–14, 2022.**

### Eligibility

- Master's and doctoral students completing a thesis/dissertation with a publication date between January 1 and December 31, 2021 will be considered for the 2022 award competition.
- One nominee (for each category: thesis and dissertation) will be accepted per institution each year. Institutional nominations shall be determined using procedures developed by the degree-related graduate faculty at each respective institution.
- At least one of the members of the committee or the nominated student must be a current ACE member.

### Procedures

- Submissions must be received by **11:59 p.m. EST on February 18, 2022**, to be considered for this year's award.
- Submissions should come from a faculty member at the corresponding institution.
- One electronic copy (\*.pdf format) of the complete thesis or dissertation must be **submitted electronically** to the Research and Academic Programs Learning Community Vice Chair, Garrett Steede ([gsteede@umn.edu](mailto:gsteede@umn.edu))

### Award Selection Process

Judging and selection of the award recipients will be conducted independently by two active ACE Research and Academic Programs LC members. Faculty advisors of nominees are ineligible to serve on the selection committee. The review process is NOT blinded for these submissions. Additionally, submissions are scored but feedback is not provided. The recipients will be announced at the ACE Annual meeting and will receive an award certificate or plaque.

Questions regarding thesis and dissertation submissions can be directed to Vice Chair, Garrett Steede ([gsteede@umn.edu](mailto:gsteede@umn.edu)).

We look forward to seeing you in Kansas City!

Laura Fischer, Chair  
Garrett Steede, Vice Chair  
Shannon Norris, Research Director  
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